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Footscray City Defends

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Footscray City's centre-half, Lawrie, heads away a Box Hill centre, while goalie Dawson prepares to take the ball if he misses. Full-back, Fletcher,

Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8.

Last Thursday the "Kangaroos" left by air for New Zealand after a farewell dinner in the city. Next week we shall have news of their progress in Maoriland, where we hope they will enjoy every success.

The Divisional Cup competition (round 2) met with a slight set-back with the cancellation of the Coburg-Olympic game due to Coburg ground being partially flooded. International Harvester committed its customary "gaff" by omitting to telephone the result of its game against Frankston, thereby leaving Secretary Beaton high and dry with nothing to tell us. Polonia and Ulsterville proceeded on their winning way. As each is in separate semi-finals they have a chance of contesting the final which will now have to be postponed, for lack of a free Saturday, until the finalists are out of the Dockerty Cup.

In Junior circles the State sides are beginning to feel their feet. The Under 17 team last Sunday morning defeated a South Melbourne United side of juniors and seniors by 3-1 — a very creditable performance.

At Campbell Reserve, Moreland, last Sunday afternoon, the State Under 19 side played a draw against a strong Moreland senior team which included three first team players. The State side being a man short, and having to play a volunteer at inside-right, did well to draw and looked like winners in a mud-bath that might have upset more experienced players. The explanation of the three reserves (whose names appeared in last week's "Soccer News"), who did not bother to turn up to the game, should be interesting to listen to. In senior circles a reserve who does not think it worth while turning up to a game has very short shrift. These boys would do well to bear this in mind.

Last week also saw the final Test with the Englishmen at Newcastle, and the tourists won 5-0. Last Sunday they played their final game in Australia against New South Wales at Wollongong. Readers will be glad to know that Tom Jack was back in the side and on page 3 he gives his impressions of the game for us.

In the First Division, Sandringham City, struggling to avoid relegation, picked up a point on Footscray City whose game against Sunshine United was postponed as Footscray's ground was implayable. The top of the First Division ladder is still very close and any one of four teams can win it.

In Division 2, J.U.S.T. is so far ahead that nothing can now stop it from winning. But the loss of Juventus to J.U.S.T. was offset by Hakoah's defeat by George Cross, so that the Italians now seem a moral to accompany J.U.S.T. to the First Division next season.

It is regrettable that the bad weather has had such an ill-effect on grounds generally — even the best being badly affected by water and the worst almost converted to a morass. The standard of play of some teams under these adverse conditions has been most commendable.

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THE FIFTH TEST

By Tom Jack

Tom Jack

In what proved to be a poor and uninteresting game, England completed a nap hand by winning the last Test on the Newcastle sports ground. The small attendance (7150) must have been a big disappointment to our talented visitors and a sad blow to the code's supposedly strongest State.

Conditions for the game were not good. On a hard, uneven pitch, with a 40-mile an hour biting cold wind, ball control became very hard. Bob Lawrie won the toss for Australia and chose to kick with the wind. For the first ten minutes Australia attacked strongly and with a cool brain in the forward line a goal might have resulted. England gradually came into the game and with long ground passes were making good headway against the wind. Australia was doing most of the attacking and England's defence showed some amateur tactics in keeping its goal intact. The first goal came when goalkeeper Burgin found Smith on the half-way line with a long goal kick. Pushing a long ball out to Langton set the forwards in motion. Langton beat Bignall nicely and sent a low hard cross to the awaiting Sewell to crash home an unsaveable shot past Lord. England's second goal came from a similar incident, only Smith was the scorer from Langton's perfect cross. Australia continued to press and Heaney should have reduced the leeway before half-time. Taking a good pass in the clear from Nunn, he shot hopelessly wide from 10 yards—a fatal miss. Half-time, England 2, Australia 0. For the first five minutes Australia looked as though it was as good as its masters. Once England settled down play was soon transferred to Australia's rear lines and it wasn't long before Hurst cut back a beautiful ball to Clarke who left keeper Lord standing. In the mid-field play which followed for a time, lack of experience robbed Australia of some good chances. England's fourth goal was a trifle lucky. Sewell's weak header was deflected past Bignall who had it covered, with Lord making rather a late attempt to punch the ball over the bar. Immediately afterwards Australia should have scored. With nice passing from Jack to Lawrie to Gibb and finally to Hulme the English defence cracked wide open, but Hulme missed badly from eight yards. Another chance was lost minutes later, when the same player robbed Lawrie of the ball who was well set for a dash directly in front of goal. England went into the attack again and Hurst scored the goal of the day. Throughout the game he had been exploiting the move we have come to know so well of taking the ball into the goal area and cutting it back to the inside forwards, but, this time he tricked the whole Australian defence by cutting in himself to score. Final score, England 5, Australia 0.

COMMENTS

The English players asked me to carry back their thanks for all that was done for them while they were in Melbourne. They appreciated the hospitality extended in Victoria and they are sincerely disappointed that more time could not have been spent with us.

It may interest "Soccer News" readers to know that the Editor's criticism of treatment to players by the New South Wales association has borne fruit. During my stay last week-end they couldn't do enough for me. Thanks, Mr. Editor. [The original complaint on this matter was made by Mr. W. R. Thomas.—Editor.]

It was my pleasure to have a 10-minute broadcast over 2KO, Newcastle, last Friday night. Much of the time I used in telling the Newcastle listeners the excellent job our council is doing in Victoria, especially with the juniors. May I ask that they keep it up.

PARS OF INTEREST

Only Captain Bob Lawrie played in all five Tests.

Australia used 23 players in the five matches, not counting reserves.

The Boston Ball Manufacturing Co. at a function last week presented the

TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIP

On perusing the Blue Book for this year, it is pleasing to note the progress of some of the clubs. Some are running three Senior teams and several Junior teams.

The work entailed in organising and the cost of equipping all these teams is enormous for the officials of the clubs concerned. They are doing valuable work for soccer in Victoria.

As shown by results last year, it is not always the progressive club which is fostering Juniors that wins the honors in the various competitions. Therefore it is suggested that in recognition of the sterling work being done by such clubs a Teams Championship be inaugurated to be competed for annually. Eligible clubs would be those fielding not less than six teams (Senior and Junior) and points allotted weekly, based on results of games played by each team.

The club with the highest aggregate of points would win the championship and it is suggested that a pennant be presented as the trophy each year. This would be something tangible for both club members and residents of the district to be proud of.

For the information of soccer followers who are not too conversant with the extent of the good work being done by some clubs in Melbourne, the following list will be of interest:—

Club	Number of Teams		
	Seniors	Juniors	Total
Brighton	3	5	8
Box Hill	3	4	7
Sandringham	2	4	6
Park Rangers	3	3	6
Sunshine United	2	4	6
South Melbourne United	2	4	6
South Yarra	3	2	5
Preston	2	3	5

WELL WORTH KNOWING

Readers may know of the incident where an Essex (England) referee admitted (in writing) that he had awarded a penalty kick for "dangerous play." The ensuing goal proved to be the "decider," but the losing team subsequently appealed to the Essex C.F.A. which very promptly annulled the game, ordered the Cup-tie to be replayed and censured the referee.

The F.A. Referees' Committee has since confirmed this action, which all goes to prove that while a referee's decision has always been, and always will be, final on a question of facts, it cannot be final on the Laws of the game which must at all times be played "according to the book," e.g., no referee has the right to alter the Laws as the game progresses!

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No. 3 — JOE WILSON

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The answer to that one may not always be in the affirmative, but we know one who is. Ex-paratrooper Joe Wilson shines with stellar brightness on any right-wing, the spot he has always played from schooldays to the present season at Prahran.

"I learned soccer in the home of the game — at school," Joe told me, "and on Tyneside, at that."

Joe Wilson's first soccer after school was played with Wilton in the Northern Association and two years later he transferred to Wallsend Town (England), playing in the Tyneside League. In 1942 he signed up with Newcastle United and played several times with the Reserves in his first season. Like most young men at that grim time, however, Joe was awaiting call-up to the Services, and this came near the end of the season.

Joe Wilson

Joe became a member of the 5th Parachute Brigade (6th Airborne Division) and served in many theatres of war. With some reluctance he admitted to scoring fifteen parachute descents, some in training but several on active service.

But the war did not stop Joe from playing soccer, and he was on the right-wing of Army teams in France, Germany, India, Malaya, Java, Egypt and Palestine. In 1945 he was selected to tour Malaya with the 2nd Division (Army) team and in 1947 was a member of the team that won the Palestine Trophy.

After his discharge from the Army, Joe played again on Tyneside, first with Throckley and then for Gosforth and Coxlodge.

In 1949 Joe felt the call of far-away places, fortunately for Victorian soccer, and arrived here in time to play for Sandringham in the 1950 season, whence he transferred to Prahran early this year. He was one of the three Victorian players selected for the Australian team against N.S.W. in Sydney on Jubilee Day, in which he played an outstanding part.

Joe played also in Melbourne against the Englishmen for Victoria at the M.C.G., and at Richmond cricket-ground for an Australian XI. Joe has many years of football before him and many soccer honours might come his way yet. Currently Joe is in New Zealand with the "Kangaroos."

NOTICE

The Brighton ladies' social committee is holding a card and games night on August 4 at the Scout Hall, Hurlingham Park. Come along, don't be afraid of the weather, as there will be a big log fire and plenty of bright company. Admission is 2/6, including supper. Watch for the date of the Amateur Night to be held early in September.

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5. Honour thy opponents and their supporters, that thy name may be spoken well of by lads that playeth both for and against thee.
6. Thou shalt do no swearing.
7. Thou shalt not handle man or ball without permission.
8. Thou shalt not push, kick, strike, hold, trip, or jump at thy opponents, nor do anything which thou wouldst object to them doing unto thee.
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By REX BENSON

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Taking a leaf out of the book of many English clubs, Leichhardt-Annandale, premier N.S.W. side, have started a Supporters' Club and have a strong following at many matches.

TASMANIAN SOCCER ROLL-UP

Despite the broken glass score, nearly 6000 watched the game played by the Tourists in Hobart, a big crowd for the Apple Island.

HOSTILE SANDGROPERS

According to the W.A. daily Press, Western Australia contemplates withdrawing from the Australia S.F.A. Western enthusiasts are still bitter that the English tourists were not allotted fixtures in Perth. This is understandable. What is not understandable is that the friendly offer of "Soccer News" to send blocks of action photos of the tourists for publication in W.A.'s "Soccer Mail" (free) has not even rated a reply. It wasn't our fault that they did not get a game.

YANKEE FASHION

Both goalkeepers in the last F.A. Cup Final had to wear white jockey-style caps on to the field. The regulation complied with the headgear was soon tossed into the back of the net and left there. Gate takings were A£49,000.

QUICK REPORTING

Results of all major soccer games (1st and 2nd Divisions) in Australian States are in print in all English papers early on Saturday afternoon. What is more, they are all correct!

QUEENSLAND'S COMPLAINT

Queensland circles are hostile that only two Queenslanders were included in the Brisbane Test. Queensland's "Soccer News" quotes the Englishmen as stating that the Bananalanders were the best State side they met. Scores of 7-1 in the Englishmen's favour compares with Victoria's 5-0 and 7-0 and N.S.W.'s 8-1 and 3-1.

QUIZ

Owing to late kick-off, referee and captains agree to change round at half-time, but one player demands the five minutes' break. What should referee do?

Answer: He would be wrong to refuse what is a player's entitlement.

ALL-ROUNDERS WITH ROUND BALL

Both Watson and Compton, in the English Cricket Test side this season against South Africa, have gained international soccer caps, although Compton's was only in the war-time series.

SELECTION SIDELIGHTS

Despite similarity of State scores against the tourists only one player from outside N.S.W. played in the fourth Test. That was the captain, Bob Lawrie of Queensland. System of selection seems to be that any change warrants an automatic extra place for N.S.W. Next year's interstate carnival may cause some changes in this idea, but a shake-up in the methods of Australian selection is long overdue.

WHEN WEMBLEY OVERFLOWED

When fans stormed the Empire Stadium at Wembley for the 1923 Cup Final, the crowd was so much in excess of the 127,000 capacity that the game started 40 minutes late, and the players were forced to spend the half-time interval on the playing pitch.

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Rex Benson who conducts this column has spent 12 months encased in plaster in Heidelberg with spinal trouble from a war injury. Since writing this series he has undergone an operation on his spine, which it is hoped will enable him to leave hospital in a few months. Should this column not appear next week,

Letters To The Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir,—I am pleased that my letter regarding Soccer in schools was well received, but I must confess that my chief reason for writing it was to defend the Victorian Education Department. This was done admirably by Mr. Beale in "Soccer News," July 21.

Now, about school soccer: There are about fourteen oval balls to our one soccer ball. Like most schools today, we are lacking in sporting equipment. Soccer balls are far too expensive to buy at the same rate as "Rules" balls. And teachers, like myself who have young families to maintain, feel broken-hearted that we can't even afford laces for soccer balls, let alone the balls themselves. But we can afford the time and energy to teach the lads after school. The lads and I are very grateful to Mr. Thorrington for his kind offer of a ball; and I hope, if there are any more teachers who could use old balls, that they will take advantage of "Soccer News."

Regarding coaches for schools, I suggest the V.A.S.F.A. contact the Physical Education Staff at the Melbourne Teachers' College, Carlton, where, I am sure, every facility will be made to allow for soccer instruction. These people are most fair-minded and very keen on all games. To show how impartial we teachers are, take my case. I teach Australian Rules in school hours and soccer to the older boys after school. But it is time to clear out the rubbish talked about "no soccer in schools" and to concentrate on getting the game into its rightful place in Australia.—Yours, etc., T. SAUNDERS.

[We regret that space limitations caused your other subject matter to be cut out, Mr. Saunders.—EDITOR.]

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Secretary's Notes

The three postponed games in the Second Division will be played on August 11. The matches are:—Juventus v. Navy, George Cross v. Moreland, South Melbourne United v. Fifers.

Dockerty Cup and Reserve Cup

Every club should have in their possession a copy of the Rules. An extra half hour will be played if required in each round with the exception of the Semi-finals and Final rounds.

Where the first team and reserve team are drawn at home in the Cup ties on the same Saturday, the Reserve team is required to find another ground on which to play. Failing the above play must be on the opponents' ground.

All home clubs are required to notify their opponents of exact directions to reach their ground. All results must be phoned immediately after the match has been played.—S. BEATON, Secretary, V.A.S.F.A.

DOCKERTY CUP

August 11, First Round

Game
1 Williamstown v. M'abbin City
2 University v. Brighton
3 Frankston v. A.P.M., Maryville
4 J.U.S.T. v. Prahran
5 Footscray City v. Ulsterville
6 Coburg v. Woodlands

All other clubs receive byes to the second round.

August 18, Second Round

7 Juventus v. Sandringham City
8 Royal Caled. v. White Eagles
9 Balwyn Utd. v. Hallandia
10 F'scray C. or U'ville v. Box H.
11 H'berg v. Coburg or W'lands
12 W'stown or M'abbin v. J.U.S.T. or Prahran
13 Int. Harvester v. Polonia
14 Preston v. Geelong United
15 South Melb. v. Yallourn
16 University or B'ton v. S. Yarra
17 Olympic v. George Cross
18 Moreland v. F.N.D.
19 S'shine Utd. v. Hakoah J.R.C.
20 Frankston or M'ville v. Park Rangers.
21 Fifers v. Sunshine City
22 Slavia v. Maccabi

RESERVE CUP

August 11, First Round

Game
1 Polonia v. Moreland
2 Olympic v. Williamstown
3 Coburg v. Hakoah
4 Prahran v. J.U.S.T.
5 Sunshine Utd. v. Macedonians
6 Fifers v. Royal Caledonians
7 Sandringham City v. Yallourn
8 Park Rangers v. Moorabbin City
9 University v. Box Hill
10 Juventus v. Footscray City
11 South Yarra v. George Cross
12 Brighton v. F.N.D.

All other clubs receive byes to the second round.

August 18, Second Round.

13 S'shine C. v. Coburg or Hakoah
14 University or Box Hill v. South Yarra or George Cross
15 Juventus or Footscray City v.
17 Fifers or Caledonians v. Sunshine United or Macedonians
18 R.A.A.F. v. S'ham C. or Y'lourn
19 Polonia or Moreland v. Preston

Club Jottings

[Will all clubs please keep their Club Jottings down to 150 to 200 words. EDITOR.]

BOX HILL

Yallourn visited Box Hill last Saturday for its return engagement. Having had so much rain during the week, playing conditions were against good football. On the slippery ground Yallourn players controlled the ball better. The game swung from end to end with concerted passing by both sides and each defence proving very stubborn and giving nothing away. Box Hill missed two very easy chances to score in the first half and not long before the interval Yallourn took the lead when at close range a home defender blocked the ball instead of making a strong clearance which allowed Morris to score.

Box Hill made positional changes but was unable to get on top, and the visitors increased their lead when Morris, who appeared to be offside, received a pass and went on to score. The game continued to be keenly contested, but neither side was able to score further goals. Yallourn well deserved its win.

Result: Yallourn 2, Box Hill 0. Best players, Yallourn: Barrett, Morris and Rowe brothers. Box Hill: Stubbs, A. Goddard and Sid Goddard. Just a reminder to all players and supporters about the club dance tonight (Saturday, July 28), at the Box Hill Town Hall (West Hall).

I desire on behalf of the club to extend congratulations to Bobby Traynor on his selection in the Victorian Under 19 team to play against South Australia in August for the "Skolnik Cup. — A. JARVIS.

BRIGHTON

The game at Fawkner Park last week was "a survival of the fittest," as Brighton and South Yarra players ploughed through the mud. Brighton erred in trying to play football and paid the penalty to be two goals down at half-time. In the second half Brighton adopted more "go ahead tactics of making the ball do the work." This had the opposing side floundering. Brighton won 3-2. A former South Yarra man, Kevin Lott, scored the hat trick for the winners. A pleasing feature has been the keenness of Brighton supporters at home and away in fair weather and foul. Keep it up supporters, and thanks a lot.

The Editor will still not give credit to Brighton Under 17 for being undefeated — [Get off my back, Alex! Ed.] — but Brighton is very pleased with this team, in fact all its junior teams. They are in the finals for the Junior, Miller and Liston cups. Good luck, boys.

We congratulate Les Schofield, Otto Boehm, Otto Gabel and Bob Dixon on their selection in the Victorian Under 19 team. —ALEX MAC.

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BRIGHTON THIRDS

J. Happs opened the score for Brighton by scoring in the first five minutes. Although the ground was very muddy, Brighton did most of the attacking and H. Howells scored before half-time, making the score 2-0. A special mention must be made of our half-backs, Albert and W. Cornell. Throughout the game, they were pushing through some nice passes to the forwards, a difficult feat on the day. Macedonians scored twice in the second half, and three minutes before the end of play H. Howells scored from a penalty, making the score 3-2 in Brighton's favour. —J. C. THOMAS.

FIFERS

The fact the seniors only drew last week was indeed a matter of concern, but the worst news came from Moreland, where the Reserves were battling gamely. Of 17 players selected, only 7 turned up, with the result that Dave West, team manager, had once again to play. There was also an absence of team selectors, while the captain had to be a last minute choice. Who collected Provident Fund fees and sold "Soccer News"? Dave West once again. This sort of affair must no longer be allowed to continue. It may well be the Disciplinary Committee will have something to say.

Supporters at the senior game were (outside of selectors) three ladies and three gentlemen. Oh! Yes, we had forgotten to mention — it wasn't a sunny day! Sad news perhaps, but no great club got off to a flying start and carried on without trials and tribulations.

Thank you in advance Hakoah for a good clean game today. Our last meeting was a soccer feast.

GEORGE CROSS

I must congratulate all players of our club for their fine display of soccer in the last few matches. Especially against Fifers and Moreland, they showed that their old spirit is still strong. All supporters are jubilant that the team is doing well now and all hope to keep it up. That they will keep away from the relegation zone, most all for their good behaviour on the field of play this season, is counted on.

Last Saturday week against Moreland, half-time saw George Cross leading 3-1, but bad luck ensued in the second half and the game ended in a 4-4 draw.

Thanks Moreland, and may the best team win when next we meet. —FRANK CALLEJA.

J.U.S.T.

J.U.S.T. retained its unbeaten record by defeating Juventus 1-0 last Saturday at Olympic Park. Both teams turned on some very good wet-weather soccer. Pools of water were all over the ground when the game started. In the first half there was no score, although Juventus combined and played somewhat better. With several opportunities, the forwards failed to score. In the second half, J.U.S.T. inside-left, Zacormarok, gave the lead by scoring a very effective goal. Right to the finish J.U.S.T. was, on occasions, a little superior to Juventus. J.U.S.T.'s best players were: Doleuz, Augeloevic, Pechout and Zacormarok. The baby of the team, Dugeuci, barely five feet in height, had the task of holding 6 feet 4 inches Vidovic.

Last Sunday at Fawkner Park, in front of 3000 mixed spectators, Jugoslavia knocked Italy out of the World Cup, by 2-1, in a very exciting match. The ground was very heavy, and with pools of water lying everywhere, it was

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almost impossible for both teams to adopt any kind of a system. The crowd was well behaved and there were no incidents. There was, we hope, a good collection day for the juniors, whom we should all wholeheartedly support, because they are the soccer players of tomorrow. —IVAN KUKETZ.

MOORABBIN CITY

Last Saturday popular player, Reg Thomas, was married and the attendance was greater than at the home games. Everyone was happy and among the men soccer seemed to be the main topic. The club wishes Reg and his bride a happy future.

The club is arranging friendly games with the new Rosebud and District club and Balwyn club.

The ground was unfit for play and the school-boy game was postponed. Reserves were defeated by the stronger Polonia team. The juniors, however, had a 2-1 victory. —FRANK McIVER.

POLONIA

The second round of the Divisional Cup ended with 10-0 victory for Polonia over Geelong United. The visitors played a nice game, but on the heavy ground couldn't do anything to withhold the attacks. The lad in the Geelong goal played a very nice game, especially in the second half, saving brilliantly dangerous shots from short distances. Polonia and its supporters were very pleased to see the good sportsmanship in the visiting team. We all appreciate it and thank you Geelong players again for the good impression you left after your visit at Kooyong Park.

Our Reserve won again, 6-1, at Moorabbin, holding the second place in the Reserves' Table.

We wish to thank the Williamstown S.C. and Geelong United S.C. for congratulations on our promotion to the Third Division. —J. CH.

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PRAHRAN

Players and officials of the club were among the large gathering at the funeral last week of our late secretary, Wally Tunn. At the match against Sunshine City on Saturday both teams wore black armbands and observed two minutes' silence on the field before kicking off.

Mr. Jim Paul has been appointed acting secretary for the remainder of the season, and Mr. Bill Hansford has taken over the treasurer's duties.

Three members—Roger Parvin and the two Joes, Bambro and Wilson—have left for New Zealand as members of the "Kangaroos" touring side, and received congratulations and good wishes last week before departure. They will be missed from the team in the final games of the season, but we hope they will bring credit to Victorian soccer while away.

Another absentee, Paddy Weatherall, who has gone to Western Australia on military duties, writes that he managed to get a game with Woodside, a leading club in the South Australian League, while staying in Adelaide. He hopes also to be able to play while in Perth.

PRESTON

Playing with more determination and better team work, Navy defeated Preston 4-2. In the absence of an official referee, T. Ashby, of the Navy, gave a fine exhibition of umpiring. S. Horobin and A. Peachey (Preston Under 19 lads) pleased in their first senior game. Against Juventus Reserves, K. Mason, of Under 15 team, filled a vacancy and scored both goals for Preston. A committee of three has been appointed to establish a local school competition next season. The schools will be written to and anyone interested is invited to contact V. Hayes, 616 Murray Road, West Preston.

SOUTH YARRA

Brighton started off with the usual dash by nearly notching a goal the first minute of the game, but a grand save and clearance by Reynolds frustrated them. The ground was just a mud heap and pools of water. Within 15 minutes of the start Yarra was two goals in the lead. The first was obtained by Gibbons who followed up the ball and profited by the Brighton goalie's mistake. Three minutes afterwards. Hirst with a fine shot got Yarra's second goal. A beautiful corner from Durnian was just cleared by a mad scramble of Brighton's players. Yarra was lucky when a hot shot from McKenzie hit the post and shortly afterwards, to another terrific drive by the same player, Reynolds made another fine save. It was evident that the pace could not be kept up; as time went on Yarra gave no sign of slackening. Half-time came with Yarra leading 2-0. A change came over the game after half-time. Brighton moved into its own. McKenzie made a great run down the wing to make Lott the opener for Brighton. Not long afterwards a good pass from Brighton's outside-right gave Lott his second goal. The game now developed into a ding-dong battle. Again McKenzie went away with the ball and again he passed it over to Lott, who obtained his third goal against his old team. South Yarra could not shake the Brighton defence, and the final scores were, Brighton 3, South Yarra 2.

South Yarra First Reserves played Brighton Reserves at Brighton, the result being Yarra 7, Brighton 1. Scorers for Yarra, Moores (3), Lamb (2), Hanna, Tainsh.

Yarra Third Reserves beat Box Hill Reserves 4-3. Scorers for South Yarra, Knott (2), Robinson, Murdoch. The Juniors Under 17 lost to Brighton Juniors 2-1. Papas got the goal for South Yarra. — W. E. BINYON.

ULSTERVILLE

In the second round of the Divisional Cup at Royal Park White Eagles were visitors. Play opened in favour of Ulsterville and after 20 minutes' play J. Smith opened with a fine goal, to be followed by another two from A. Branagh. White Eagles made strenuous efforts to score, but the stubborn defence of J. Finlay and company prevailed. In the second half, S. Newberry converted a spot kick for hands and ten minutes later N. Andrews scored an opportunist goal. The visiting forwards broke through several times, but J. Rodgers was in

Junior Section

THE COACH SAYS

STUDY YOUR OPPONENT'S WEAKNESSES

What a coincidence it was last Saturday that our article dealt with types of play on wet grounds. I wonder if you tried the hints I gave you.

I visited Olympic Park where J.U.S.T. and Juventus gave a perfect exhibition of wet weather football. Their short passing was carefully planned and only used when the player was in position and very close to the man with the ball. Their long passes were gems, because the ball stopped where it was intended to, right in front of an unmarked team mate. I did notice that one team did the unforgivable thing—passed back to the goalkeeper. This once very nearly cost the side a goal, and the second time the ball zipped off the mud but luckily went for a corner. It could easily have been a goal. Don't pass back to your goalie on wet and muddy ground. It is dangerous. The ball may stop short in a puddle, or it may zip pass your own goalie.

Although tactics for various types of opponents could come under captaincy, it is as well for each member of a side to size up any special weakness and strength in the opposition, and adopt his play accordingly. For instance if you notice the centre-half comes too far up the field, or dribbles unnecessarily, your centre-forward should be on the alert and put himself in position to receive passes from his half-backs directly the opposing centre-half has lost the ball, and the half-backs must get the ball to the centre-forward as quickly as possible before the opposing centre-half can get back.

If one of the opposing backs is a bit slow, bang long passes over his head, especially if your wingers are fast.

Should you notice a one-footed opponent, pass him on his weak side if he is a defender; if he is an attacker you should have a pretty good idea what he is going to do. One-footed soccer players are not an asset to any team.

If you come up against a good centre-half, refrain from kicking long passes down the centre of the field, because they will all be his.

You can often bustle a scientific side off its game by quick, firm and determined tackling (NOT ROUGH PLAY). It is up to the scientific side to play football with more vigor and speed to off-set any attempt to bustle them.

Next Saturday will be the end of the league fixtures, so we will wind up season 1951 with a summary of the season's instructions.

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Our previous advertisement here caught the eye of Ted Smith (whose photo you see), of Preston's Under 17 team, with the result that he has joined our Staff and is now engaged on interesting and important work.

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Junior Trial Games

The Under 17 years of age had a real good trial game at South Melbourne, winning by 3 goals to 1 goal. Outstanding players were Ron Hartley, McIvor, Bowman. This young team will be going to Heyfield either this Sunday or next. The Under 19 years of age played at Moreland. The ground was very slippery and in the circumstances the lads did a great job. The score was 2 goals all. The ladies' committee is to be congratulated for giving the lads a hot cup of tea and biscuits. The best players were Schofield, Gabel, Peachey and Pepper. I would like to thank the Moreland boys for the good sportsmanship. They made the Under 19 play.

All the Under 19 years team must turn up next Sunday at 1 o'clock to play a selected team of the South Melbourne club on the South Melbourne ground.

World Cup

A lot of interest has been aroused in next Sunday's World Cup match between the formidable Polish team and the recently formed Hungarian team. If the Hungarian team can live up to the past achievements of other Hungarian teams in Europe, it should acquit itself creditably. The Hungarians will seek affiliation next year and will try to emulate the great record the Poles have accomplished this year.

World Cup 1st Round

POLAND v. HUNGARY

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LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 21, 1951

First Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Prahran	16	10	3	3	57	33	23
Brighton	16	9	3	4	51	22	22
Sunshine United	15	10	3	2	47	23	22
Yallourn	16	9	1	6	42	26	22
Box Hill	16	8	6	2	38	34	18
South Yarra	16	6	7	3	40	34	15
Park Rangers	16	4	7	5	33	33	13
Footscray City	15	4	8	3	24	46	11
Sandringham City	16	3	9	4	29	48	10
Sunshine City	16	0	16	0	16	78	0

Divisional Cup to be played 28/7/1951.
Second Round—Coburg v. Olympic.

Second Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
J.U.S.T	16	15	1	0	67	16	30
Juventus	15	9	2	4	53	16	22
Hakoah	16	9	5	2	50	32	20
Moreland	15	7	3	5	31	28	19
F.N.D.	15	7	6	2	42	42	16
South Melbourne	15	6	7	2	39	44	14
George Cross	15	4	9	2	32	49	10
Preston	16	3	9	4	27	58	10
Fifers	15	2	10	3	25	49	7
University	16	2	12	2	23	53	6

Semi-final—Polonia v. International Harvester or Frankston.

Reserve League Tables

First Division

Park Rangers	16	11	3	2	55	23	24
Yallourn	16	10	4	2	52	24	22
South Yarra	16	8	2	6	42	20	22
Brighton	16	10	4	2	44	38	22
Prahran	16	9	6	1	54	33	19
Sunshine United	16	8	7	1	48	33	17
Box Hill	16	6	10	0	36	45	12
Footscray City	16	3	10	3	23	51	9
Sandringham City	16	3	11	2	14	53	8
Sunshine City	16	2	13	1	18	66	5

Second Division

Hakoah J.R.C.	16	12	2	2	40	11	26
Moreland	15	12	2	1	48	16	25
Juventus	15	12	3	0	49	10	24
J.U.S.T.	16	7	9	0	37	25	14
F.N.D.	13	5	5	3	30	36	13
Preston	16	4	8	4	25	24	12
University	16	5	9	2	28	51	12
George Cross	14	5	9	0	24	29	10
Fifers	15	4	9	2	23	63	10
South Melbourne	16	3	13	0	23	62	6

Third Division

Park Rangers	16	12	1	3	51	25	27
Polonia	16	13	3	0	86	20	26
R.A.A.F.	16	11	3	2	63	42	24
South Yarra	14	10	2	2	67	35	22
Coburg	15	8	6	1	46	40	17
Williamstown	13	6	3	4	43	40	16
Box Hill	14	7	6	1	55	46	15
Brighton	16	7	8	1	29	41	15
Moorabbin City	16	2	14	0	23	69	4
Macedonians	13	2	11	0	11	41	4
Royal Caledonians	12	2	10	0	8	36	4
Olympic	15	1	14	0	3	50	2

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 21, 1951

Under 19 Division

Preston	11	8	3	0	31	15	16
Brighton	9	7	1	1	25	7	15
Sunshine United	8	6	2	0	21	7	12
Juventus	9	5	3	1	19	15	11
South Melb. United	8	4	2	2	19	10	10
Sandringham City	7	3	3	1	18	14	7
Moorabbin City	9	3	5	1	14	17	7
Yallourn	7	2	4	1	16	15	5
Footscray City	8	2	6	0	11	22	4
Northcote	5	1	4	0	10	15	2
Hakoah J.R.C.	9	0	8	1	2	49	1

Under 17 "A" Section

Brighton	10	8	0	2	31	6	18
South Yarra	10	5	4	1	19	16	11
Sandringham City	9	3	4	2	24	20	8
Army Apprentices "A"	6	3	2	1	14	10	7
Park Rangers	9	3	5	1	16	17	7
Sunshine City	9	2	5	2	9	27	6
Sunshine United	9	2	6	1	5	22	5

Under 17 "B" Section

Northcote	10	6	2	2	20	15	14
South Melb. United	11	6	5	0	19	14	12
Preston	9	2	4	3	9	18	7
Army Apprentices "B"	8	1	4	3	9	27	5
Box Hill	10	7	1	2	39	13	2
Coburg	8	0	6	2	7	16	2

Under 15 Division

Brighton "B"	10	8	2	0	33	11	16
Sunshine United	8	7	1	0	34	7	14
Brighton "A"	10	6	2	2	42	9	14
South Melb. United	7	5	1	1	22	4	11
Northcote	9	5	4	0	25	17	10
Preston	8	4	4	0	14	12	8
Park Rangers	9	3	4	2	11	17	8
Ringwood Boys	9	3	6	0	15	23	6
Box Hill	10	2	7	1	13	39	5
Moreland	6	1	5	0	5	47	2
South Yarra	8	0	8	0	3	31	0

Under 14 Division

Coburg	11	9	1	1	60	7	19
Park Rangers	12	9	2	1	56	8	19
Sandringham City	12	8	1	3	49	13	18
South Melb. "A"	11	7	2	2	70	14	16
Sunshine City	11	6	5	0	41	21	12
Box Hill "A"	12	5	7	0	38	27	10
Moorabbin City	11	3	8	0	6	70	6
Brighton	11	3	8	0	10	56	6
Sth. Melb. "B"	11	2	9	0	6	45	4
Box Hill "B"	10	1	9	0	4	79	2

MANY RESULTS REQUIRED

To bring the Junior tables up to date, club managers who find their team records incorrect, are advised to contact Mr. J. Olsen by 'phone (LB 1444) any Thursday or Friday night after 8 o'clock.

Results not to hand of last Saturday's games, or games not played, are therefore not included in the above Junior tables.

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